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CURRENT NEWS

* **E**PSQ version 2.2 is still being tested. We hope to be able to provide a release date for this version in the near future. Version 2.2 will contain nearly **70** customer requested fixes and enhancements. We have posted a new Instructional PowerPoint Slide show which depicts many of the enhancements that will be found in Version 2.2. You can find it at <http://www.dss.mil/epsq/> in the Important News & Notes section. Here are some more selected examples of the fixes and enhancements that will be found in version 2.2.

1. In Module 18 of the SF 86, and Module 12 of the SF85P, the telephone number for Selective Service information (847-688-6888) has been added to the Help Screen.

2. The text in the Report Option screens has been changed. Users see these screens when printing or validating EPSQ, after user views the Validation Report or views the printed form. Previously, users were given the option to (Exit without saving report). Text has changed, to (Exit without Saving Validation Report) and (Exit without Saving Print Report).

3. The notification screen that users see, when they have successfully created a .z20 file in order to transmit via Internet email, will change. Users will be made clearly aware that they must prepare an email that will be sent to DSS with the .z20 file attached. Previously, the screen that appears after user creates a .z20 file read (Data for the Subject(s) listed above has been prepared for you to transmit. The file you need to send is c:\\The Internet email address for DSS is epsq20@epsq.dss.mil). This has changed to (Data for the Subject(s) listed above has been prepared for you to transmit. In order for you to transmit this file to DSS electronically, please attach prepared file to an email addressed and sent to epsq20@epsq.dss.mil).

4. In the Subject edition of EPSQ, Communications menu text has changed from (Transmit to Security Officer) to (Prepare File to Give to Security Officer).

5. Module 20 of the SF86 previously asked: Has any of the following happened to you in the last 10 years?

- Fired from job
- Quit a job after being told you'd be fired
- Left a job by mutual agreement following allegations of misconduct
- Left a job by mutual agreement following allegations of unsatisfactory performance
- Left a job for other reasons under unfavorable circumstances

The first line has been modified to: Has any of the following happened to you in the last 7 years? If Subject answers Yes to this question, they are presented with another screen where they are asked to choose from a List of Employment Entries. At this screen, Subject will be informed: If the pertinent period of employment is not listed above, please return to Module 6 and add all periods of employment, dating back to the pertinent period(s).

NOTEWORTHY

- **P**lease visit our web site at <http://www.dss.mil/epsq/> and read the recently released Implementation Memo from DOD/C3I, Subject: Personnel Security Clearance Investigations. This memo contains important information regarding where (DSS or OPM) and how to send your investigative requests. Please note that all requests for non-clearance type investigations that you are currently sending to DSS should continue to be sent to DSS.
- **T**hanks for your support... Our EPSQ Enews reader list has grown to nearly **3700** names.
- **C**heck out our Enews Archives at <http://www.dss.mil/enews/archive/archive.htm>

TIPS OF THE DAY

- **W**hen submitting requests for investigation to DSS via the EPSQ it is important to be sure to send the appropriate SIGNED Authorization for Release of Information form(s). This can be accomplished by attaching a scanned image file to your EPSQ transmission or via the US mail. For more information please visit our web site at <http://www.dss.mil/epsq/inau.htm>.

For more information on scanning of signed releases please see our FAQ section at <http://www.dss.mil/epsq/epsqfaq/44.htm>.

- **T**he submission of fingerprints for investigative requests is also very important. For more information on how to submit fingerprints please visit <http://www.dss.mil/fprint/index.htm>.

- **P**lease be sure to visit our web site at <http://www.dss.mil/epsq/>. Some of the resources you will find there include: EPSQ Software, Important News & Notes, Worksheets (SF86, SF85P, SF85PS), LOC & Receipt System, FAQs and Documentation, On-Line User Guides.

We hope you found this information useful. As always if you have questions or comments you can contact us by email at epsq_questions@mail.dss.mil, complete our Feedback form at <http://www.dss.mil/contactus/feedback.epsq.htm> or call us at 1-800-542-0237.

Thank You.

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